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Why Not Help Cuba Exiles?

Suppose our CIA had helped the Cuban exiles in their recent raid. Would this be so unprincipled that the world would recoil in horror?

Certainly not! We are so painfully anxious to keep clean hands, no matter how dirty the hands of our enemies, that bigger principles are forgotten: justice for the outcast, freedom for Cuba, the Monroe Doctrine—to name a few.

Remember Mein Kampf and Hitler's amazement that the West had passed up the places where he could have been stopped? World War II could have been avoided, yet millions have learned nothing from it and still determinedly shy away from putting out small fires before they build into a conflagration.

We wept oceans of tears for Hungary but actually did nothing. Today we treat the gallant Cuban exiles even worse, and for much less reason. The months have proved that we will never actually do the things that must be done to contain Cuba, mostly from a ridiculous and impractical yearning to appear blameless before the world. But the exiles and other more practical-minded Latin American peoples will try, if given a reasonable chance. Why not help them, help ourselves and support our truly great national ideals all at the same time?

The time is long overdue for our government to look out for American interests first and defend our Constitution, which each member is sworn to do.

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